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Attached is my public comment regarding Agenda Item 75 for tomorrow's (3/31/2020) Board of Supervisor meeting.

Be well and thank you.

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March 30, 2020

**Attn: LA County Board of Supervisors**

**Board of Operations Division, Executive Office**

**500 West Temple Street, Room 383**

**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

## **RE: Agenda Item 75**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the South East Community Alliance (SECA) Coalition and as an alcohol and other drugs (AOD) prevention advocate for safer and healthier Service Planning Area (SPA)- 7 communities, I ask that you do not provide a permit to approve the sale of beer and wine at a local convenient store in unincorporated Whittier/South Whittier.

SPA-7 communities have an over-concentration of both off-sale and on-sale alcohol business outlets. During this time that we are all dealing with Covid-19, there is an increase in the number of stressed and anxious community members who may be turning to AOD as their relief. Please do not send the community the wrong message that AOD use can be a form of a stress relief during these times by permitting another alcohol and drug outlet. Our communities deserve healthier remedies to cope with life's daily stresses. Thank you for your attention and for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Maritza Alvarez,

Latino Prevention Program, Director

**From:** [Alfredo Santiago](#)  
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Comment: Dear LA County Board of Supervisors

My name is Alfredo Santiago, my job as a Prevention Specialist is to protect our youth and the community as a whole from the harms of alcohol and other drugs. Whittier and Unincorporated Whittier/South Whittier has an overconcentration of Alcohol Retailers with 251 retail licenses which includes off-sale and on-sales; many of these licenses are near schools, parks, libraries and youth centers. In addition, given the Safer At Home order, on-sale retailers are currently being allowed to sale alcohol to go, therefore, we do not need additional alcohol retailers at this time. Furthermore, this CUP is being requested at gas station, allowing gas stations to sell alcohol sends the wrong message and increases all the harms associated with alcohol use like an increases in DUIs, automobile accidents, domestic violence, Substance Use Disorder, and other societal problems please consider these concerns when you make your decision. Thank You.



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Respectfully,



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